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Delta Stewardship Council:

As I understand your charter you have two coequal goals: Provide a more reliable water supply for California and protect and restore the Delta ecosystem. I would suggest starting with a straight forward determination before delving into the very complex and interwoven detail you will be required to deal with.

First, come up with some number you can all agree on for discussion purposes, without all the smoke and mirrors, as to the amount of water coming into the Delta per year. Just come up with a number that includes all the sources that everyone feels is reasonable for further discussion.

Second, come up with a similar number for the amount of water that would provide an ongoing reliable water supply for California. Again there are great complex issues but just find a number folks can agree on for discussion.

Third, again find a similar number for the amount of water required to protect and restore the Delta. I know it will be hard but just agree on a number.

If the sum of numbers two and three is less than number one then proceed to develop your management plan with vigor in the knowledge that you have the opportunity to do something historic for the State of California.

If the sum of two and three is larger than one then I suggest you go back to your sponsors and suggest you can not achieve these coequal goals.

Best of luck regardless of the outcome,

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